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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

An instrumentarium for implanting a tendon replacement in a channel within a bone comprises a button suture retention device. Said button suture retention device has a plate-shaped body and a cylindrical pin projecting from said plate-shaped body. At least two openings extend through that plate-shaped body and said cylindrical pin for threading fixation threads of a tendon replacement therethrough. Said plate-shaped body having edges adapted for applying a tool for rotating said button suture retention device (Fig. 13).

Please amend Paragraph 0004 as follows:

For implanting a crucial ligament replacement in a knee-joint one produces a drilled channel, at a flexion angle of the knee-joint of approximately 60 to 90°, that extends through the distal end of the femur and also through the proximal end of the tibia. One then inserts into that drilled channel the tendon replacement, which is a natural tendon of the respective patient, for example the semitendinosus tendon. Fixation threads sewn to the ends of the tendines project from both ends of the drilled channel and serve to fix the tendon in place. The threads, which project from the outside of the femur, are usually fixed by means of a plate that rests against the outer opening of the drilled channel. The fixation threads projecting from the opposite end of the drilled channel, i.e. on the outside of the tibia, are fixed by means of what is known as a tibial button. This device for retaining the sutures is what is meant throughout this specification by the term "button".